



NEWS RELEASE

Rotary and Interact Paint the Senior Center

(Townsend April 19) The Rotary Club of Townsend wanted to paint the inside of the Senior Center as part of a Montana Rotary District 5390 grant for Fiscal Year 2019-2020. Small portions of the walls were cleaned, and test splotches were painted with variable colors and the Seniors picked their favorite color. Dates were set to remove articles and start cleaning walls. The dates were cancelled due to the COVID-19 shelter-at-home order.

On April 14th, the Club successfully negotiated with Rocky Mountain Development Council and established cleaning and painting protocols to let 3-4 people into the Center at a time over a weekend to complete the project during the shutdown. All walls cleaned and painted by Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and members of the Rotary youth community-based Interact Club on April 17-19. Rotarians and Interactors—we are People of Action!

Are you interested in Joining Leaders? Exchanging Ideas? Taking Action? Join Rotary!

If you want to join Rotary, the Rotary Community Corps, or if you know someone 12-18 years of old that would like to join Interact, please talk to any Rotarian. Any questions, please call Patrick Plantenberg @ 406-431-4615.

About Rotary

Rotary brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 34,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work impacts lives at both the local, state, and international levels, from helping families in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. For more information, visit Rotary.org

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About Interact

Interact gives students ages 12-18 the chance to make a real difference while having fun. Every Interact Club carries out two service projects a year: one that helps their school or community and one that promotes international understanding. The Interact Club is sponsored by the local Rotary Club of Townsend. When you sponsor an Interact club, you're helping young people: connect with community leaders, develop leadership skills, make international connections, and discover more opportunities to connect with Rotary, including Rotaract (students ages 18-30), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), and Youth Exchange. Learn more about Interact at: <https://www.rotary.org/en/get-involved/interact-clubs>

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Developing Scholarship Application, Interview, and Review Protocols

Rotary awards at least three scholarships annually to Broadwater High School students. The Scholarship Committee initiated discussions with the high school counselor and committee members on how to award the scholarships without a face-to-face interview. Finally, face-to-face interviews were held at the Lodge using COVID-19 safety protocols.

Developing Contingency Budget Plans

The Rotary Fall Fest is the major fundraiser during the year. The money raised is used to fund all Club projects in the next fiscal year. The Rotary Club Board met on May 5th to develop a contingency budget plan in case the Townsend Fall Fest in October 2020 is cancelled or only produces a fraction of the funds needed to fund club projects in 2021-2022.

Interact Videos go Viral

The Interact Club produced a YouTube music video for the Townsend Community to the tune of "We are All in This Together". The video had over 3,700 views in the first 24 hours. To watch the video go to: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hdtwi9PxeWk>. Interact also produced a second video as a gift to the class of 2020 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Srfe6j9Y-6A> to the tune of "Can't Stop The Feeling".

Painting the B

Finally, on Saturday May 16, Interact Club members painted the B for their annual community service project using approved social distancing protocols.

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Rotary Club and Interact Club Actions during the COVID-19 Shutdown

Using Remote Meeting Technology

The Rotary Club reviewed remote meeting technologies and has met using Zoom Meeting and Cisco's WebEx platforms. The Club used WebEx for Board and Regular meetings in April and May.

Senior Center Improvements

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Rotary also purchased new entry rugs and whiteboards for the Center.

Donating Fall Fest Sanitary Supplies to County Health Department

Rotary donated all the left-over sanitary supplies from our annual Fall Fest to help with the shortage of hand sanitizer supplies and nitrile gloves. Three hand sanitizer stations and all Rotary's left over hand sanitizer supplies were donated to the Broadwater County Health Department who distributed the hand sanitizer stations to three of the busiest stores open during the shutdown: Bob's Supermarket, Family Dollar, and Rocky Mountain Supply. In addition, Rotary donated seven boxes of nitrile gloves, face masks, and disinfectant spray.

Donating Car Show Window Washing Bottles to Helena Businesses

The Montana Business Assistance Connection is working with two Helena businesses to make alcohol-based hand sanitizer. The Club donated a couple of hundred 4 oz. spray bottles of window wash left over from our Fall Fest Car Show supplies. The bottles were donated to the manufacturers for use in their product testing program.

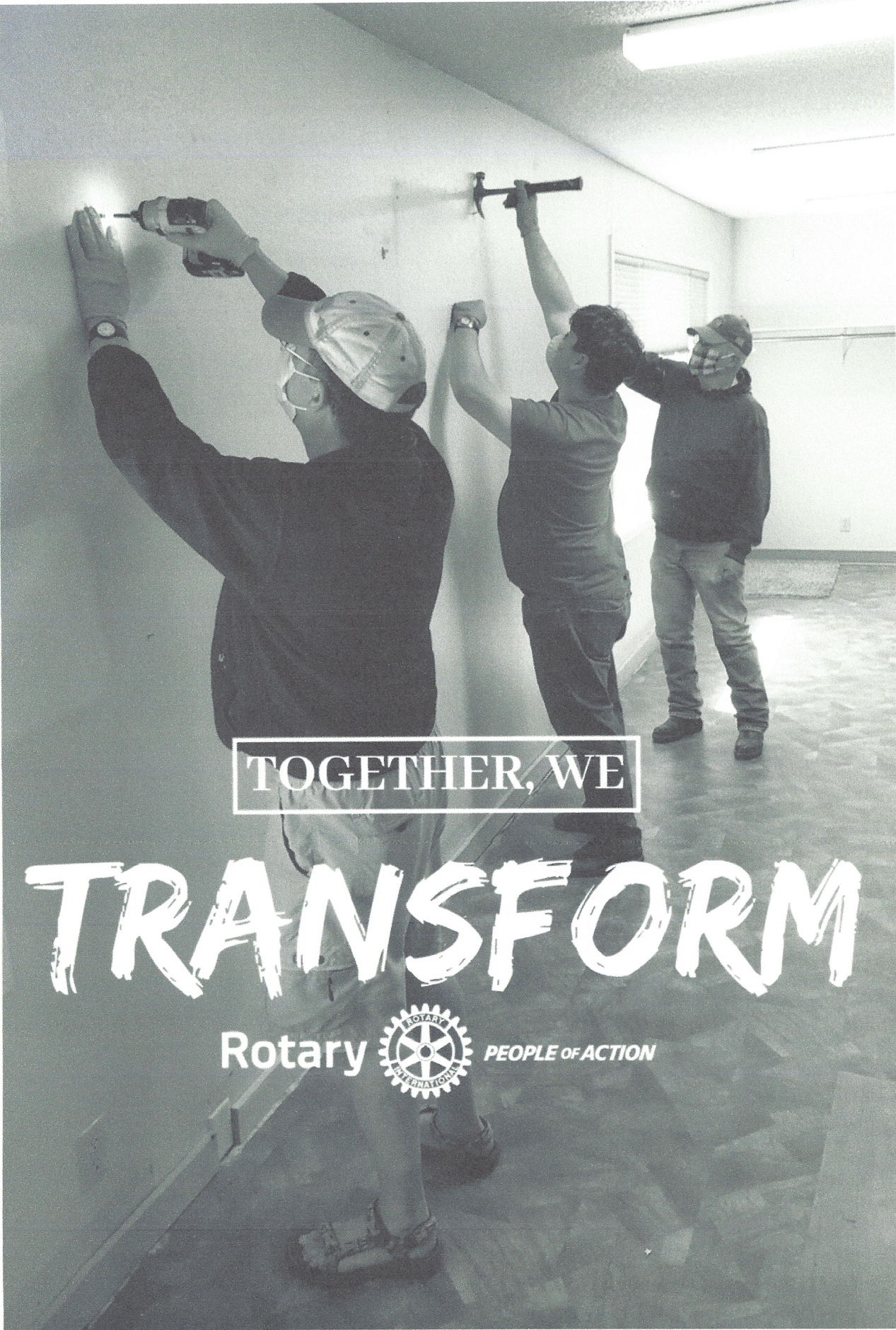
Missouri Valley Marketing Business Assistance Grants

Missouri Valley Marketing (MVM) has been conducting a fundraising campaign to help local businesses community members, and community service organizations during the shutdown. Rotary is one of the organizations on the MVM grant review committee. Two rounds of grants have been awarded.

Removing Skating Rink

Rotary members took down the temporary skating rink in Holloway Park for the Townsend Skating Rink LLC.

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